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AUTHORITY TO INITIATE ARBITRATION AGAINST THE US GOVERNMENT

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**¶11.** (SBU) Acting Pol/Econ Chief presented reftel demarche to Ms. Samina Naz, Director, Americas and Pacific Wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and to Mr. Rafiqul Islam, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications. Both Government of Bangladesh officials agreed to pass the message to participants in the upcoming conference, but they were noncommittal about what position, if any, Bangladesh would take on this issue.

**¶12.** (SBU) Given bureaucratic inertia in Bangladesh and the fact that this matter will be taken up in a meeting on July 8, Post urges USG representatives at the meeting to approach directly GOB officials present in Rome with our position.

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